

## **COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

## **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

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TO:

**Each Supervisor** 

FROM: Donald L. Wolfe

Director of Public Works

**CONCLUSION OF THE EMERGENCY DECLARATION** TO PERFORM EMERGENCY WORK AND TO PROCURE **EQUIPMENT, SERVICES, AND SUPPLIES NECESSARY** TO RESPOND TO THE TOPANGA AND HARVARD FIRES

On October 25, 2005, your Board made a finding that emergency work to repair and alter specified flood control facilities was necessary to respond to emergency conditions created by the Topanga and Harvard fires, and that such emergency conditions did not permit a delay resulting from a competitive solicitation for bids.

Accordingly, your Board authorized the Director of Public Works to perform the emergency work by force account or by negotiated contract.

Public Works has completed all work by force account. Sediment removal has been completed at the Sunset Upper, Sunset Lower, and Stough Debris Basins. Installation of the new outlet towers at Stough and Lower Sunset Debris Basins is completed. Construction of a debris retention structure in Burbank to minimize impacts from mudflows to downstream residents is also completed.

We previously reported to your Board that we provided engineering advice to 11 residences in the Topanga Fire Area and 37 residences in the Harvard Fire Area. We have not received any further requests for advice.

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We, therefore, recommend that your Board:

- 1. Determine that there is no longer a need to continue this emergency action; and
- 2. That the Executive Officer of the Board no longer place this item on the agenda for Board review every 14 days in accordance with Public Contract Code Section 22050.

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cc: Chief Administrative Office Executive Office